

For Six Month Period Ending 2/29/2008  
(Insert date)

**I - REGISTRANT**

1. (a) Name of Registrant

(b) Registration No.

5358

Solarz Associates

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant

1120 Bellview Road  
McLean, VA 22102

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

- (a) If an individual:
- |                       |                              |  |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|
| (1) Residence address | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Citizenship       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Occupation        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
- (b) If an organization:
- |                          |                              |                             |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Name                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Ownership or control | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Branch offices       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above.

N/A

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IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4 AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C<sup>1</sup>, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐  
If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

N/A

<sup>1</sup> The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date connection ended
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N/A

- (b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	N/A	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☐

N/A

If yes, identify each such person and describe his service.

N/A

- (b) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or connection	N/A	Date terminated
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- (c) During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	N/A	Position	Date assumed
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(c) of the supplemental statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

N/A

**II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL**

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal

Date of termination

Government of Turkey  
% Ambassador Nabi Sensoy

September 1, 2007

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal<sup>2</sup> during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and address of foreign principal

Date acquired

N/A

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principals<sup>2</sup> whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative's Office  
% Joseph Wu

10. **EXHIBITS A AND B**

(a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 8 the following:

Exhibit A<sup>3</sup> Yes ☐ No ☐  
Exhibit B<sup>4</sup> Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

N/A

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during the 6 month period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

N/A

<sup>2</sup> The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9).) A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

<sup>3</sup> The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form CRM-157 (Formerly OBD-67), sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

<sup>4</sup> The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form CRM-155 (Formerly OBD-65), sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

### III - ACTIVITIES

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11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

See Attachment 11

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity<sup>5</sup> as defined below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates and places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

See Attachment 12

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

N/A

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<sup>5</sup> The term "political activities" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

## IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies<sup>6</sup>

Date	From whom	Purpose	Amount
September 7, 2007	TECRO	Fees	\$10,000.00
October 2, 2007	TECRO	Fees	10,000.00
November 14, 2007	TECRO	Fees	10,000.00
December 17, 2007	TECRO	Fees	10,000.00
January 3, 2008	TECRO	Fees	10,000.00
January 22, 2008	TECRO	Fees	10,000.00
March 7, 2008	TECRO	Fees	10,000.00
March 20, 2008	TECRO	Fees	10,000.00

\$80,000.00

Total

### (b) RECEIPTS - FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fund raising campaign<sup>7</sup>, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D<sup>8</sup> to your registration? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

### (c) RECEIPTS - THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value<sup>9</sup> other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal	Date received	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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N/A

<sup>6, 7</sup> A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. (See Rule 201(e).)

<sup>8</sup> An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fund raising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

<sup>9</sup> Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) **DISBURSEMENTS – MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To whom	Purpose	Amount
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N/A

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Total

**(b) DISBURSEMENTS – THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value<sup>10</sup> other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date disposed	Name of person to whom given	On behalf of what foreign principal	Description of thing of value	Purpose
		N/A		

**(c) DISBURSEMENTS – POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value<sup>11</sup> in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or thing of value	Name of political organization	Name of candidate
December 26, 2007	1,000.00	Dicks for Congress	Norm Dicks
February 13, 2008	1,000.00	Berkley for Congress	Shelley Berkley

<sup>10, 11</sup> Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

## V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials <sup>12</sup>?  
 Yes ☐ No ☒

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- |   |   |  |   |
|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio or TV broadcasts | <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine or newspaper articles | <input type="checkbox"/> Motion picture films            | <input type="checkbox"/> Letters or telegrams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising campaigns  | <input type="checkbox"/> Press releases                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Pamphlets or other publications | <input type="checkbox"/> Lectures or speeches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____          |  |   |

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Officials      | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislators           | <input type="checkbox"/> Editors                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational institutions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government agencies   | <input type="checkbox"/> Civic groups or associations | <input type="checkbox"/> Nationality groups       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |   |   |

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- ☐ English ☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☐

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes ☐ No ☐

<sup>12</sup> The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.



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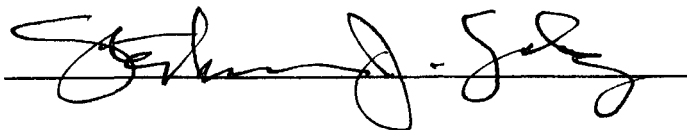
**VI – EXECUTION**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature )

(Type or print name under each signature<sup>13</sup>)

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March 26, 2008

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Stephen J. Solarz

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<sup>13</sup> This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FARA REGISTRATION UNIT  
NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

**NOTICE**

Please answer the following questions and return this sheet in triplicate with your Supplemental Statement:

1. Is your answer to Item 16 of Section V (Informational Materials – page 8 of Form CRM-154, formerly Form OBD-64-Supplemental Statement):

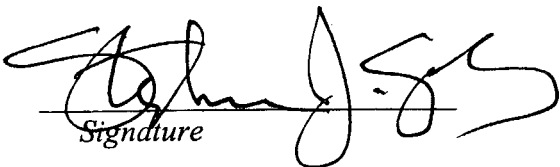
YES \_\_\_\_\_ or NO   x  

(If your answer to question 1 is "yes" do not answer question 2 of this form.)

2. Do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration:

YES \_\_\_\_\_ or NO   x  

(If your answer to question 2 is "yes" please forward for our review copies of all material including: films, film catalogs, posters, brochures, press releases, etc. which you have disseminated during the past six months.)

  
Signature

March 26, 2008  
Date

Stephen J. Solarz

Please type or print name of  
Signatory on the line above

President

Title



**U.S. Department of Justice**

**National Security Division**

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*Washington, DC 20530*

THIS FORM IS TO BE AN OFFICIAL ATTACHMENT TO YOUR CURRENT SUPPLEMENTAL  
STATEMENT - PLEASE EXECUTE IN TRIPLICATE

SHORT-FORM REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

SECTION A

The Department records list active short-form registration statements for the following persons of your organization filed on the date indicated by each name. If a person is not still functioning in the same capacity directly on behalf of the foreign principal, please show the date of termination.

**Short Form List for Registrant: Solarz Associates**

Last Name	First Name and Other Names	Registration Date	Termination Date	Role
Solarz	Stephen	10/19/2000		



U.S. Department of Justice

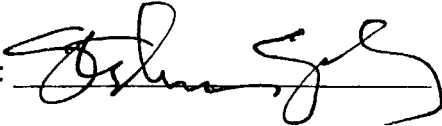
National Security Division

Washington, DC 20530

SECTION B

In addition to those persons listed in Section A, list below all current employees rendering services directly on behalf of the foreign principals(s) who have not filed short-form registration statements. (Do not list clerks, secretaries, typists or employees in a similar or related capacity). If there is some question as to whether an employee has an obligation to file a short-form, please address a letter to the Registration Unit describing the activities and connection with the foreign principal.

Name	Function	Date Hired

Signature: 

Date: March 26, 2008

Title: President

## ATTACHMENT 11

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8 and 9 or this statement?

Yes ( X )

No ( )

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

### ***Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative's Office***

The registrant provided advice and assisted the foreign principal (Taiwan) in connection with meetings with U.S. government officials concerning issues affecting U.S.-Taiwan relations. See also the response to Question 12.

## ATTACHMENT 12

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity as defined below?

Yes ( x )

No ( )

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give detail as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

### ***Economic and Cultural Representative's Office (Taiwan)***

The registrant met with Representative Shelley Berkley on February 7, 2008 to discuss issues of mutual interest to the United States and Taiwan.

The registrant contacted by letter Senator Joseph Lieberman and Representatives Tom Lantos, Robert Wexler, Eliot Engel, Ed Towns, Gregory Meeks, Eleanor Holmes Norton and Gabrielle Giffords on September 24, 2007 (Letter A); Senator Joseph Lieberman and Representatives Gary Ackerman, Shelley Berkley, Howard Berman, Earl Blumenauer, Ben Chandler, Joseph Crowley, Eliot Engel, Gabrielle Giffords, Gene Green, Alcee Hastings, Sheila Jackson-Lee, Tom Lantos, Rick Larsen, Sander Levin, Nita Lowey, Carolyn Maloney, Gregory Meeks, Brad Miller, Solomon Ortiz, David Price, Adam Schiff, Brad Sherman, Adam Smith, John Tanner, Ed Towns, Chris Van Hollen, Henry Waxman, Anthony Weiner and David Wu on October 1 (Letter B); Representatives Adam Schiff, Alcee Hastings, Anthony Weiner, Bill Delahunt, Brad Sherman, Christopher Smith, Dan Burton, Dana Rohrabacher, David Wu, Donald Payne, Eliot Engel, Ellen Tauscher, Frank Pallone, Gabrielle Giffords, Gary Ackerman, Gene Green, Gregory Meeks, Henry Waxman, Howard Berman,

Ike Skelton, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, John McHugh, Joseph Crowley, Marcy Kaptur, Michael McNulty, Neil Abercrombie, Nita Lowey, Patrick Kennedy, Peter King, Rick Larsen, Sam Graves, Shelley Berkley, Steve Chabot, Steven Rothman and Tom Lantos on December 4 (Letter C); Senators Sherrod Brown, Barbara Mikulski, Joseph Lieberman and Byron Dorgan on January 29, 2008 (Letter D) to discuss U.S. relations with Taiwan.

The registrant contacted by telephone Senator Joseph Lieberman and Representatives Tom Lantos, Robert Wexler, Eliot Engel, Ed Towns, Gregory Meeks, and Gabrielle Giffords on October 10, 2007 and Senator Joseph Lieberman and Representatives Gary Ackerman, Shelley Berkley, Howard Berman, Earl Blumenauer, Ben Chandler, Joseph Crowley, Eliot Engel, Gabrielle Giffords, Gene Green, Alcee Hastings, Sheila Jackson-Lee, Tom Lantos, Sander Levin on November 13 to discuss issues of mutual interest to the United States and Taiwan.

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September 24, 2007

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton  
United States House of Representatives  
2136 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**Via Facsimile: (202) 225-3002**

Dear Eleanor,

You've probably already received an invitation but I just wanted to remind you that the Taiwanese will be holding its National Day celebration on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at the Grand Hyatt Washington, Main Ballroom. The address is 1000 H Street, NW.

If you can possibly show up, I know the Taiwanese would really appreciate it, as would I.

Best wishes,

Steve Solarz



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October 1, 2007

The Honorable Edolphus Towns  
United States House of Representatives  
2232 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ed,

I am writing on behalf of TECRO to invite you to visit Taiwan after Congress adjourns later this year.

If you can fit a trip to Taiwan into your recess schedule, the meetings for you will be arranged with the President, Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, leading businessmen, and the leaders of the political and parliamentary opposition as well. Of course, if there are any other political, business, or cultural figures you would like to meet, just let me know who they are and I will undertake to arrange meetings with them too.

This is an opportune moment to visit a country which shares our commitment to democracy, is our eighth largest trading partner, and a long time friend of the US. With tensions between Taipei and Beijing remaining high, and China continuing its military buildup across the Taiwan straits, I should think it would be useful to get the perspective of Taiwan on the threat posed by the PRC and what can be done to preserve the peace between China and Taiwan.

The Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Program (MECEA), under authority granted by PL 87-256 and 22 CFR Part 64, agreed to by Taiwan and the State Department in August 2006 allows Taiwan's government to cover all of your expenses, including first class travel. Further, these trips are permitted under House rules according to a House Standards and Official Conduct Committee Memorandum (March 17, 2007). The costs will have to be accounted for in the reimbursement section of your annual financial report.

Please let me know if you are inclined to accept this invitation so I can begin to make the necessary arrangements. I can be reached through my assistant, Brian McLaughlin, at (202) 778-1488.

Best Wishes,

Steve Solarz

PS: Having been to Taiwan many times over the past three decades, I can safely say I'm confident you'll find such a trip enjoyable and worthwhile.

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SOLARZ ASSOCIATES  
1120 BELLVIEW ROAD  
MCLEAN, VIRGINIA 22102

December 4, 2007

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FAX: (703) 759-0052  
EMAIL: sjsolarz@aol.com

VIA FACSIMILE:  
202-225-5851, Mary K. Flanagan

Honorable Steven R. Rothman  
2303 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Steve,

I am writing to invite you to visit Taiwan after Congress adjourns later this year. Members of Congress are permitted by the Ethics Committee to travel to Taiwan as part of a State Department program called the Multicultural and Educational Exchange (MACEA).

This is an opportune moment to visit a country which shares our commitment to democracy, is our eighth largest trading partner, and a long-time friend of the U.S. As you may be aware, this is a particularly interesting time in Taiwan as they are approaching their Presidential election which will be held in February of 2008. This election will have profound implications for the continuing peace between China and Taiwan. With tensions between Taipei and Beijing remaining high, and China continuing its military build-up across the Taiwan straits, the preservation of peace between China and Taiwan is essential for stability in the area.

If you decide to go to Taiwan, you will be able to meet with the President, Prime Minister, and Foreign Minister, in addition to leading businessmen, and leaders of the political opposition as well.

If you can fit this trip into your recess schedule, the ROC-USA Business Council would be pleased to cover all of your expenses, including first class travel on China or Evergreen airlines for you and your wife. Please let me know if you are inclined to accept this invitation so I can begin to make the necessary arrangements. I can be reached through my assistant, Karen Fischer, at (202) 478-3679.

Best Wishes.



Hon. Steve Solarz

PS: Having been to Taiwan many times over the past three decades, I can safely say I'm confident you'll find such a trip enjoyable and worthwhile.

**SOLARZ ASSOCIATES**  
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29 January 2008

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Honorable Sherrod Brown  
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Washington, DC 20510

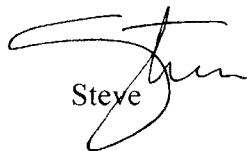
Dear Sherrod,

I've been asked by Joseph Wu, the Taiwanese Ambassador to the United States, to send you the attached invitation to visit Taiwan in connection with the presidential election that will be held there on March 22.

If you can possibly fit such a visit into your recess schedule, I think you will find it well worth your while. In addition to the opportunity to meet with the President, President Elect, and other key Taiwanese policy makers and business leaders, you will have the opportunity to observe one of the most hotly contested and important election in the history of Taiwan, the outcome of which will have profound implications for vital American interests in Asia.

If you can go on such a trip, the Taiwan government will cover all of your accommodations and travel expenses as outlined by the State Department's Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Program. Please let me know if you are inclined to accept his invitation so I can begin to make the necessary arrangements. I can be reached through my assistant, Karen Fischer, at (202) 478-3679.

Best Wishes,

  
Steve